

**PENDING CLAIMS**

1-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) A method for sending and receiving service messages to and from a service center, the method comprising:

setting up a telecommunications call to the service center via a telecommunications device;

initiating, by the service center, a first session via the telecommunications call set-up;

sending, via the telecommunications device and in the first session, a first service message to the service center, receipt of which is acknowledged by the service center;

initiating, by the telecommunications device and as a result of acknowledgment by the service center, a second session via the telecommunications call set-up;

sending, by the service center and in the second session, at least one second service message to the telecommunications device, receipt of which is acknowledged by the telecommunications device; and

releasing, by the service center and as a result of acknowledgement by the telecommunications device, the second session so as to clear down the telecommunications call.

20. (Previously Presented) A method for sending and receiving service messages to and from a service center as claimed in Claim 19, wherein a duration of the second session is monitored by the telecommunications device.

21. (Previously Presented) A method for sending and receiving service messages to and from a service center as claimed in Claim 20, wherein the duration is 60 seconds.

22. (Previously Presented) A method for sending and receiving service messages to and from a service center as claimed in Claim 19, the method further comprising requesting by the telecommunications device, with the first service message in the first

session, downloadable information content which is one of stored in the service center, made available by the service center and procured by the service center.

23. (Previously Presented) A method for sending and receiving service messages to and from a service center as claimed in Claim 22, the method further comprising transmitting to the telecommunications device by the service center, with the second service message in the second session, the information content requested.

24. (Previously Presented) A method for sending and receiving service messages to and from a service center as claimed in Claim 19, wherein the first service message is one of a short message according to a Short Message Service and a multimedia message according to a Multimedia Message Service.

25. (Previously Presented) A method for sending and receiving service messages to and from a service center as claimed in Claim 19, wherein the second service message is one of a short message according to a Short Message Service and a multimedia message according to a Multimedia Message Service.

26. (Previously Presented) A method for sending and receiving service messages to and from a service center as claimed in Claim 19, wherein the telecommunications device is one of a cordless telephone with a cordless base station and at least one cordless handset, and a corded telephone, and a fixed network connection is used as the telecommunications call between the respective telephone and the service center.

27. (Previously Presented) A method for sending and receiving service messages to and from a service center as claimed in Claim 19, wherein a mobile telephone is used as the

telecommunications device and a mobile radio call is used as the telecommunications call between the mobile telephone and the service center.

28. (Previously Presented) A telecommunications device for transmitting and receiving service messages to and from a service center, comprising:

a user interface for entering user commands and outputting user information;

a central control device for controlling functional and operational sequences in the telecommunications device, the central control device being connected to the user interface; and

a telecommunications device/service center interface for telecommunications calls to the service center, the telecommunications device/service center interface including sending and receiving parts connected to the central control device;

wherein the user interface, the central control device and the sending part are implemented such that a telecommunications call to the service center is set-up;

wherein the user interface, the central control device and the receiving part are implemented so as to detect that the service center has initiated a first session on the telecommunications call set-up;

wherein the user interface, the central control device and the sending and receiving parts are implemented in such a way that, in the first session, the telecommunications device sends, via the sending part, a first service message to the service center, receipt of which is acknowledged by the service center;

wherein the central control device is assigned an evaluation/control part which is implemented in such a way that, as a result of the acknowledgement from the service center received via the receiving part, a second session is initiated via the sending part on the telecommunications call set-up;

wherein the user interface, the central control device and the sending and receiving parts are implemented in such a way that, in the second session, the service center sends the telecommunications device at least one second service message, receipt of which is acknowledged by the telecommunications device; and

wherein the user interface, the central control device, and the sending and receiving parts are implemented in such a way that, for release of the second session by the service center, the

service center is sent an acknowledgement, via the sending part, pursuant to which the telecommunications call is cleared down.

29. (Previously Presented) A telecommunications device for transmitting and receiving service messages to and from a service center as claimed in Claim 28, wherein the central control device includes a time monitoring part for monitoring a duration of the second session.

30. (Previously Presented) A telecommunications device for transmitting and receiving service messages to and from a service center as claimed in Claim 29, wherein the duration is 60 seconds.

31. (Previously Presented) A telecommunications device for transmitting and receiving service messages to and from a service center as claimed in Claim 28, wherein the first service message effects that, in the first session, downloadable information content which is one of stored in the service center, made available by the service center and procured by the service center is requested by the telecommunications device.

32. (Previously Presented) A telecommunications device for transmitting and receiving service messages to and from a service center as claimed in Claim 31, wherein the second service message effects that, in the second session, the information content requested is transmitted to the telecommunications device by the service center.

33. (Previously Presented) A telecommunications device for transmitting and receiving service messages to and from a service center as claimed in Claim 28, wherein the first service message is one of a short message according to a Short Message Service and multimedia message according to a Multimedia Message Service.

34. (Previously Presented) A telecommunications device for transmitting and receiving service messages to and from a service center as claimed in Claim 28, wherein the second service message is a short message according to a Short Message Service and a multimedia message according to a Multimedia Message Service.

35. (Previously Presented) A telecommunications device for transmitting and receiving service messages to and from a service center as claimed in Claim 28, wherein the telecommunications device includes at least one of a cordless telephone with a cordless base station and at least one cordless handset, and a corded telephone, with a fixed network connection connecting the respective telephone with the service center.

36. (Previously Presented) A telecommunications device for transmitting and receiving service messages to and from a service center as claimed in Claim 28, wherein the telecommunications device includes a mobile telephone, with a mobile radio connection connecting the mobile telephone and the service center.